

**Council on Postsecondary Education
Committee on Equal Opportunities
February 20, 2007**

**University of Kentucky Campus Visit Report
Recommendations to the CEO**

Typically, during the course of conducting a campus visit, the committee asks focus group participants and the institution leadership to identify concerns that the CEO should consider or recommend to the Council on Postsecondary Education for consideration to assist institutions to achieve greater outcomes related to diversity planning. Participants at the University of Kentucky identified four recommendations for consideration by the CEO. The recommendations follow.

1. There appears to be a disconnect between the amount of scholarships offered students and the cost of attendance at public postsecondary institutions in Kentucky. The CEO is encouraged to recommend to the Council on Postsecondary Education that institutions discuss and develop a rational policy regarding offering/funding scholarships that are greater than the cost of attending a particular institution. The lack of such a policy reduces greatly the availability of funds for other students.
2. The CEO should encourage KSU and UK to further explore opportunities for collaboration, particularly increased opportunities for graduate and professional programs, allowing UK to reap the benefits of increased diversity.
3. The CEO should encourage universities to explore including a stronger role for service learning in the tenure and promotion systems. Service learning is central to and should be directly linked to, town and gown and the success of partnerships within the university community.
4. The CEO should modify its campus visit format to require institutions, to the extent possible, to invite more African Americans and minority graduate and professional students to participate in the focus group discussions, invite participants in prior visits to participate in future visit focus group discussions, and allow more time for the student and faculty/staff sessions.

The committee may choose to forward one or more of the recommendations to the CPE for consideration or action.